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Winter 2018 Newsletter

Proudly Representing Milwaukee's Near South Side And Bay View Neighborhoods



Dedication of the Humboldt Park Pavilion Ruth M. Simos Great Room



Joining Supervisors Haas and Dimitrijevic for the Ruth Simos Great Room dedication are Kent and Shannon Knapp of Milwaukee Blacksmith, and Ruth's daughters Jane and Mary.

The legacy and service of Ruth Simos in Bay View will continue at Humboldt Park. It was an honor to sponsor legislation naming and dedicating the community room after Ruth so that future generations know her contribution to our neighborhood and parks. Working with local Bay View residents and business owners at Milwaukee Blacksmith, Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Haas unveiled a plaque along with her family.

It Is an Honor to Continue Serving You



It was an honor to be sworn in for our new County Board term in April by County Clerk George Christenson. First elected in 2004, it is my pleasure to work for our great neighborhood, where my family and I reside.

Dear Neighbor,

2018 has been an amazing year! My family is growing and Milwaukee County is moving forward in a positive direction. Thank you for re-electing me to serve our neighborhood. It is an honor and privilege to continue to work on your behalf.

This newsletter outlines what we have accomplished this year to make Milwaukee County a quality home for all. In our neighborhood, I have prioritized the improvement of our county parks. South Shore Park has seen millions of dollars of improvements during my service and we are getting closer to opening a clean, safe beach for everyone to enjoy. Soon Baran and Pulaski Parks will have major upgrades that you won't want to miss.

In our 2019 Milwaukee County Budget deliberations I fought to preserve vital services like public transit routes to jobs in our region. I also proposed a big, bold idea to improve and invest in our Milwaukee Public Museum and Domes.

Lastly, I hope you'll take the time to sign up for our e-newsletter or write me a note. Your opinion matters to me!

I wish you a joyous holiday season and can't wait to see you in our community!

Sincerely,

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If you would like to receive periodic updates on County news and events in the community, please sign up for my e-newsletter at:

www.milwaukee.gov/dimitrijevic

What Do You Think? Share your thoughts with me.

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County Investments in Our Parks Pay Off

A Clean and Safe South Shore Beach for Everyone



Over 100 people attended our community discussion of a new South Shore Beach at the South Shore Park Pavilion in September.

The public weighed in on design concepts for a new, clean, and safe South Shore Beach in September. The project could cost several million dollars but planners hope most of that expense will come from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or other non-county sources. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and DNR previously awarded \$350,000 to Milwaukee County to study water quality and options for relocating the beach.

“We have worked for my entire service as County Supervisor to improve South Shore Beach. Together we have invested millions in this renaissance and everyone can see and feel the difference in our regional treasure of our park. I am eager to open a clean, safe beach for everyone to enjoy,” said Supervisor Dimitrijevic.

For years, South Shore Beach has been plagued by water quality problems that have led to frequent beach closures. Supervisor Dimitrijevic has made improving water quality at South Shore Beach a top priority since she was first elected in 2004.

The county completed millions of dollars of infrastructure improvements in 2017. The investments were expected to improve water quality and reduce the number of beach closures, and to provide for upgrades to various amenities. Among several initiatives over the past 13 years, including upgrades to the pavilion, Supervisor Dimitrijevic’s efforts led Milwaukee County to invest \$2.8 million since 2015 for green infrastructure improvements and other upgrades to amenities at South Shore Park.

View the designs at: www.milwaukee.gov/SouthShoreBeach.

Journey House’s Progress on Baran Park Continues



Supervisor Dimitrijevic visits with children and staff at Journey House.

On September 20, Milwaukee County Parks, Major League Baseball, Scotts, Brewers Community Foundation, the City of Milwaukee, Journey House, and many generous donors celebrated the opening of a brand new, state of the art high school baseball field at Baran Park. Felix Mantilla Little League pitcher Lissette Contreras opened the fields with a pitch, which was followed by a youth baseball clinic hosted by the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.

In Spring 2019, the next phase of the Felix Mantilla Little League Baseball Complex will proceed, which includes three new synthetic infield little league fields and a natural tee ball field.

For more info on Journey House, please contact (414) 647-0548 or visit www.journeyhouse.org.

Pulaski Park Work Advances

Workers have started excavating 1,600 feet of broken concrete from the Kinnickinnic river bed at Pulaski Park to fulfill Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District’s \$300 million flood management plan. Crews will be working in the park throughout the winter and spring to remove the concrete.

As part of the renovation, Pulaski Park will receive some exciting upgrades at the same time that the MMSD completes their environmental work. The Pulaski Park improvement project includes relocating the playground and basketball court out of the flood plain and converting tennis courts into a fenced futsal court. 150 trees will be planted and the pedestrian bridge is being replaced. Look for these upgrades next year.



This example depicts a futsal court in Lincoln Park much like the one that will be developed in Pulaski Park.

2019 Milwaukee County Budget: A Fair Deal for All

Supervisor Dimitrijevic Proposes Mitchell Park for Site of New Milwaukee Public Museum



Supervisor Dimitrijevic proposed Mitchell Park as a possible site for the new Milwaukee Public Museum and recommended a combined governing structure to manage the museum and the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes).

“Locating the new Milwaukee Public Museum in Mitchell Park creates a tremendous opportunity for establishing a new world-class cultural site with multiple amenities in the south side of Milwaukee. There is awesome potential in aligning the work of the horticultural conservatory with the Milwaukee Public Museum and locating both in one of the south side’s greatest parks.”

“We can preserve the mission of the Mitchell Park Domes by partnering with the museum to provide educational programming while delivering a stronger, bolder experience to our residents and visitors. The positive possibilities of this proposed relationship are endless,” said Dimitrijevic.

The amendment also creates immediate synergy around the united educational mission both amenities share and county residents enjoy. The Milwaukee Public Museum is in the midst of exploring site possibilities and completing the planning process to move into a new facility.

County Executive Chris Abele and the Milwaukee County Board approved moving forward with this idea in the 2019 adopted Milwaukee County Budget. The Milwaukee Public Museum also voiced support for exploring Marina’s vision.

What do you think? Share your thoughts about the future of the Domes and Museum with Marina!

Marina Authors Amendment to Save JobLines Bus Transit



During this year’s budget deliberations, Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nicholson, Haas, Moore Omokunde, Taylor, Johnson, and Chairman Lipscomb stood with community supporters representing ATU 998, MICA, and the Black Health Coalition, in support of preserving the JobLines.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic and Chairman Lipscomb introduced a budget amendment to ensure that hundreds of Milwaukee County workers can continue to access jobs via MCTS bus. The JobLines route that delivers thousands of workers to employers in Milwaukee and Waukesha County faced cancellation at the end of 2018. A recent UW-Milwaukee study documented the importance of these bus lines for job access.

“I am proud to sponsor this budget amendment which will continue our successful JobLines transit route and connect Milwaukee County workers to much needed jobs in the region,” said Dimitrijevic.

“The community called for action and we listened. Thousands of workers and their families will benefit from us providing this critical public service to reduce poverty and increase economic security,” said Supervisor Dimitrijevic.

The routes were originally financed by a court settlement that set aside more than \$13 million for public transportation to job sites that were difficult for many city workers to access after several advocacy groups sued the state over lack of access to public transit in 2012.

War Memorial Renovations Complete

With the renovation of Memorial Hall and surrounding interiors completed in February 2018, the War Memorial Center has completed the final phase of Operation Renew, a phased, multi-year total campus renovation.

Operation Renew also restored the hallowed Veterans Courtyard and the signature glass exterior stairway, provided improvements to the north entrance, and includes plans for redesigning the north parking lot.

The War Memorial Center was designated a Milwaukee landmark in 1974 in honor of its architectural and cultural significance to the community and has over 140,000 visitors annually. The War Memorial secured ownership of its interior space from Milwaukee County in 2017 and assumed greater responsibilities for funding operations and capital improvements.



Dave Drent, Executive Director of the War Memorial Center, and veteran Skip Pochowski, gave Supervisor Dimitrijevic an exclusive tour of the restorations in late February. Many members of the community have already seen the improved space and have shared rave reviews!

Marina in the Community



Clockwise from top left: 1. Supervisor Dimitrijevic and the Radicevic family celebrate Three Brothers' designation as a Bay View historical landmark. 2. Supervisor Dimitrijevic celebrates clean energy with Ryan Clancy and Becky Cooper Clancy, owners of Bounce Milwaukee. 3. Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Haas at the Bay View Bash. 4. Supervisor Dimitrijevic honors the African American Breastfeeding Network on their 10th anniversary. 5. Each year, Marina hosts a donation drive for menstrual hygiene supplies for women in need, this year we collected over 5,000 products for the Time of the Month Club!

Your Opinion Counts! *Detach this and mail (or send an e-mail) to:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes on Buses Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Marina to speak or meet with your organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Discount Program Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Parks Brochure | |
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